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**COMMAND SGT. MAJ. FERNAN T. CASTELO**  
**Command Sergeant Major**  
**Assumed Responsibilities in December 2008**

Command Sergeant Major Fernan T. Castelo entered the United States Army in February 1983 and attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Castelo has served in every level of enlisted leadership. His duties and assignments include: section leader with 30th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C.; squad leader with the 649th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade in Germany; platoon sergeant with the 3rd PSYOP Battalion; first sergeant with the 9th PSYOP Battalion and the Headquarters Company of 4th PSYOP Group; operations sergeant major of the C9, Civil Military Operations of Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), 3rd Army; Task Force Bagram sergeant major during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; command sergeant major of the Joint Psychological Operation Task Force in Baghdad, during Operation Iraqi Freedom; command sergeant major of the 3rd PSYOP Battalion (Airborne) (Dissemination). His last assignment was command sergeant major of the 1st PSYOP Battalion (Airborne).



He is a graduate of Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant Course, the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, Basic and Advanced Airborne School, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape, Individual Terrorism Awareness Course, Joint PSYOP Course and the French Commando Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, seven Good Conduct Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, United Nation Medal, Combat Action Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Castelo is married to the former Annie Matthews of Lamont, Calif. They have a son Edward who is a correction officer in Wake County, N.C., and a daughter, Kristine who is freshman in college.

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